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SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT ADDS SIXTH DEFENDANT TO ALLEGED KEWANEE CRACK COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY

Rock Island, Ill. – A federal grand jury today returned a superseding indictment to include a sixth defendant in an alleged conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in and around Henry county, Ill. The indictment returned today charges Qubid M. Coleman, aka “Money,” 27, of Chicago, with participating in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in the Kewanee area.

Qubid Coleman joins five other men previously charged by indictment in June 2012:

Frederick J. Coleman, aka “Black,” 33, of Kewanee, Ill.;
Jerry L. Brown, aka “Jake,” 33, of Kewanee;
Darrion Capers, aka “D-Ron,” “Floyd,” 22, of Joliet;
Nicholas W. Clark, aka “Sticky,” 23, of Chicago; and,
James A. Tatum, aka “Chris,” “Oso,” “Rico,” 22, of Chicago.

The indictment returned today alleges the six men conspired to distribute and possess with intent to distribute at least 280 grams of crack cocaine from February 2009 to May 2012.

A date for Qubid Coleman to make his initial appearance in federal court in Rock Island will be scheduled by the U.S. Clerk of the Court. Coleman is currently in the custody of local law enforcement. The remaining five defendants have each been ordered to remain detained in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending trial before U.S. District Judge Sara Darrow.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Kewanee Police Department; and the Illinois State Police, Blackhawk Area Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk W. Schuler.

If convicted, the statutory mandatory minimum penalty for conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute at least 280 grams of crack cocaine is 10 years to life in prison. If a defendant has one prior felony drug conviction, the mandatory minimum penalty is 20 years to life in prison. With two or more prior felony drug convictions, the statutory penalty is life in prison.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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